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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: John W. Mickelson :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/706,555 : Examiner: Zachary C. Tucker

FILING DATE: November 12, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 1624

TITLE: Pyrazine Compounds as CRF Modulators :

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The present Reply is in response to the Requirement of Election mailed by the Examiner herein on September 22, 2005 requesting an election in the above-captioned case. A shortened statutory period for response to the September 22, 2005 office action is due October 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. In the September 22, 2005 communication, the Examiner requested Applicants to elect between Groups I, II, and III.

In response, Applicants hereby elect with Group I, which is drawn to claims 1-5 and 14-15, drawn to compounds and composition of Formula (I), with traverse.

Applicants further select as a species within Group I, the following compound:

2-(2-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,6-diethyl-5-[(2S)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl]pyrazine